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"It is my earnestly considered judgment that no man in America, in my generation, has single-handedly and alone restored, created and dedicated as many thousands of acres of wildlife habitat as J. Clark Salyer. He has literally carried the load of the National Wildlife Refuge program on his own shoulders since the early days of the duck crisis of 1934. . . . Many others have received medals and citations for work in the field of conservation which never would have been accomplished but for the eternal vigilance and dogged determination, plus the never-ending physical force, of that man Salyer."

Lower Souris, always a favorite area with Mr. Salyer, is a 58,694-acre refuge on the southward loop of the Souris River as it dips into the United States from Canada. Established in 1935, it is an important waterfowl production area and concentration point for spring and fall migration. Peaks of 300,000 ducks use the five large impoundments which create extensive marsh and wetland meadows. A great variety of other birds also use the area.

Designation of Lower Souris honoring Mr. Salyer is most appropriate since he approved the step by step development of this famous refuge from its inception. This was one of the first refuges that Salyer selected for acquisition and development when he became Chief of the then Branch of Wildlife Refuges.

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